



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of September 4, 2019
Approved October 2, 2019**

Members in attendance: Dave Beres, Robert Chambers, Kristal Chopp, Michael Columbus, Valerie Donnell, Roger Geysens, Ken Hewitt, Tom Masschaele and John Scholten

Staff in attendance: J. Maxwell, A. LeDuc, L. Minshall and D. McLachlan

Regrets: Stewart Patterson and Peter Ypma

*D. Beres arrived at 6:35pm.

*K. Chopp arrived at 6:45pm.

*R. Geysens arrived at 6:50pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm Wednesday September 4, 2019 in the Tillsonburg Administration Office Boardroom.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No questions or comments.

MOTION A-104/19 moved: K. Hewitt seconded: V. Donnell

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held July 3, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION A-105/19 moved: R. Chambers seconded: K .Hewitt

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Conference Call held August 7, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

None

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REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

a) Backus Museum Committee Minutes – June 3, 2019

No questions or comments.

MOTION A-106/19

moved: K. Hewitt

seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the minutes from the Backus Museum Committee meeting of June 3, 2019 be received as information.

CARRIED

D. Beres arrived.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

a) Staff Approved applications

Staff have reviewed and completed the same number of permits to date as this time last year. Twenty-eight applications including five renewals and two revisions were completed and approved by staff over the past two months. LPRCA-183/17-Renewal, LPRCA-170/17-Renewal, LPRCA-187/17-Renewal, LPRCA-210/17-Renewal, LPRCA-211/17-Renewal, LPRCA-1/18-Revision, LPRCA-146/18-Revision, LPRCA-110/19, LPRCA-126/19, LPRCA-131/19, LPRCA-133/19, LPRCA-135/19, LPRCA-137/19, LPRCA-139/19, LPRCA-140/19, LPRCA-142/19, LPRCA-147/19, LPRCA-149/19, LPRCA-150/19, LPRCA-152/19, LPRCA-153/19, LPRCA-154/19, LPRCA-155/19, LPRCA-158/19, LPRCA-161/19, LPRCA-162/19, LPRCA-164/19 and LPRCA-166/19.

MOTION A-107/19

moved: V. Donnell

seconded: T. Masschaele

That the Board of Directors receives the Staff Approved Section 28 Regulation Applications report dated August 23, 2019 as information.

CARRIED

b) New applications

The Planning Department recommended approval for four applications: two new vacation homes, one garage and covered deck on a vacation home, and one non-habitable accessory building plus replacement of existing sheet pile wall.

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MOTION A-108/19

moved: T. Masschaele

seconded: K. Hewitt

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following Development Applications contained within the background section of the report:

A. *For Work under Section 28 Regulations, Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulations (R.R.O. 1990 Reg. 178/06),*

LPRCA-159/19

LPRCA-163/19

LPRCA-170/19

LPRCA-176/19

B. *That the designated officers of LPRCA be authorized to complete the approval process for this Development Application, as far as it relates to LPRCA's mandate and related Regulations.*

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

a) SUMMARY OF THE LETTERS FROM MINISTER YUREK, MECP

Minister Yurek, MECP, sent a letter to all conservation authorities directing staff to start winding down non-core activities that fall outside the core mandate; refrain from developing new policies not aligned with the mandate or provincial policies; and, not increase any fees or levies while the Ministry is reviewing and updating the legislation and regulations. The GM reviewed the communication documents from Minister Yurek and Kim Gavin, Conservation Ontario General Manager. There are still a number of unanswered questions at this time, therefore, a meeting has been scheduled between the Minister, K. Gavin and the Conservation Ontario Chair for September 9, 2019.

K. Chopp arrived.

R. Geysens arrived.

MOTION A-109/19

moved: T. Masschaele

seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the summary report on the letters from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) as information.

CARRIED

The Board reviewed and approved a letter drafted by staff to Minister Yurek requesting a meeting to discuss the recent directive from his office and provide further direction.

b) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The GM noted that it has been a busy summer for staff as detailed in her report. Public Information Centre #2 for the Haldimand County Lake Erie Flood Hazard Mapping Project is scheduled for September 21, 2019 at the Selkirk Community Centre, and a

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public consultation on the Clean Water Act s. 34 update to Long Point Source Protection Plan for the Otterville water supply has been scheduled for October 1, 2019 at the Norwich Community Centre.

MOTION A-110/19 moved: R. Chambers seconded: T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for July and August 2019 as information.

CARRIED

b) 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Manager of Corporate Services reviewed the budget performance as at June 30th. It was noted that year to date revenues are up 5% compared to the same period in 2018. Operating expenses are trending higher than normal at this time due to unbudgeted grant funded expenditures. Overall, the organization is in a positive position compared to budget.

Capital projects in the parks were the main focus this year. Some of the capital projects will not be completed by year end due to staffing and time restrictions, or they are multi-year projects like the National Disaster Mitigation Program funded projects.

MOTION A-111/19 moved: K. Hewitt seconded: V. Donnell

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Budget Performance Report as at June 30, 2019 as information.

CARRIED

c) PRESCRIPTION OPERATING PLANS

Staff prepare prescriptions/operating plans for the forest tracts that will receive some form of silvicultural treatment. Once approved, staff mark the properties and tender out the contract(s). Plans for Smith, Fairfield Plains (Dawes) and Phipps Tracts were presented. The Board asked if LPRCA was subject to the local tree-cutting bylaws. LPRCA complies with the local bylaws and all required paperwork, plus mapping, is completed by staff prior to any harvesting activities. Signage is also placed on all properties undergoing a harvest.

MOTION A-112/19 moved: R. Chambers seconded: K. Hewitt

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the prescription/operating plans for the Smith Tract (North Norwich), Fairfield Plains (Dawes) Tract and Phipps Tract.

CARRIED

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d) A.D. LATORNELL CONFERENCE

The GM provided a brief overview of the annual A.D. Latornell Conference organized by Conservation Ontario. Four rooms have been reserved for those interested in attending the conference.

MOTION A-113/19 moved: R. Chambers seconded: T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the attendance of the General Manager, Robert Chambers, John Scholten and Dave Beres for the Annual A.D. Latornell Conference.

CARRIED

MOTION A-114/19 moved: R. Chambers seconded: K. Hewitt

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors does now enter into a closed session to discuss:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including employees of the Authority*
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the Authority, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization*
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the Authority and has monetary value or potential monetary value, or*
- A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Authority.*

CARRIED

MOTION A-115/19 moved: T. Masschaele seconded: R. Chambers

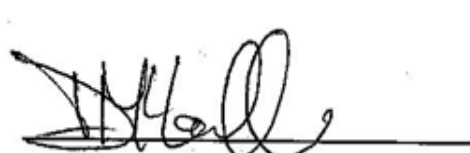
THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors does now adjourn from the closed session.

CARRIED

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.



Michael Columbus
Chair



Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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